

Westfield City Council June 13, 2011

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday June 13, 2011 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Ken Kingshill, Bob Smith, Tom Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and City Attorney Brian Zaiger.

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council President Tom Smith announced that Ordinance 11-12 and Ordinance 11-13 are new to the agenda as of last week.

Approval of Minutes:

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve the May 23, 2011 minutes as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Guest:

None

Claims:

John Dippel made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:

Proclamation: Westfield Parks & Recreation Month:

Mayor Cook presented Parks Director Melody Jones with a proclamation recognizing that Parks & Recreation month be July, 2011.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance 11-10: Re-Establish Cumulative Capital Development Fund

Introduction – June 13, 2011

Public Hearing – July 11, 2011

Second Reading – July 11, 2011

Adoption Consideration – July 25, 2011:

Project Manager for the City of Westfield Tammy Havard explained that this is an annual consideration to receive the maximum levy through the budget process. Without this option exercised there would be no opportunity to get the maximum levy. It will be up to the City Council to reduce the rate to a lower rate.

The public hearing will be held July 12, 2010 for adoption consideration.

Ordinance 11-11: Alley Vacation – Hardee’s Food System

Introduction – June 13, 2011

Public Hearing – July 11, 2011

Second Reading – July 11, 2011

Adoption Consideration – July 25, 2011:

Attorney Brian Zaiger described the process of vacation and explained that there would be a public hearing. Director of Public Works Kurt Wanninger confirmed that this was behind the Hardees and they were the adjacent property owner. This is an attempt to formalize an existing agreement for recording purposes.

Ordinance 11-12: Firearm Compliance Ordinance

Introduction – June 13, 2011

Second Reading – June 27, 2011

Adoption Consideration – June 27, 2011:

Attorney Brian Zaiger presented this item explaining the laws in place and the penalties applicable to employees carrying a hand gun on premises. This year there was an amendment to the penalties. The difference is that there is a hefty penalty when violated knowingly or otherwise. If any ordinances are in conflict they are hereby repealed.

Steve Hoover made a motion to suspend the rules to approve on the first reading. Ken Kingshill seconded. Vote: Yes- 6; No-1 (Rob Stokes).

Motion failed.

Ordinance 11-13: Water & Sewer Fee Amendment

First Reading – June 13, 2011

Second Reading – June 27, 2011

Adoption Consideration – June 27, 2011:

Attorney Brian Zaiger explained that Ordinance 11-13 will expire July 4, 2011. This ordinance would allow that this time line be extended to July 4, 2012. Director of Public Works Kurt Wanninger described the resolution for bonding. John Dippel had concerns with not holding developer meetings. He along with Bob Horkay would like to see the January 31, 2012 delay for consideration.

It was the Council’s consensus to table this until June 27, 2011 City Council meeting for consideration.

Resolution 11-13: Fire Training Facility Right-of-Way Dedication

Introduction – June 13, 2011

Adoption Consideration – June 13, 2011:

Kurt Wanninger explained that per the agreement the right of way will be dedicated to the City of Noblesville by the City of Westfield as indicated in Exhibit "A".

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 11-13. Ken Kingshill seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Tom Smith announced that the Grand Junction Derby this year will be on Saturday Oct. 1st.

MAYOR COMMENTS:


Mayor Cook would like Community and Economic Director Matt Skelton to explain the current weed and grass violations.

Matt Skelton described the plan to remedy the long term weed and grass violations. The environment section of our code has been explored and there will be something for this Council to consider next month.

In respect to short term considerations Mr. Skelton explained that there are some models by other municipalities that could be considered. We currently have an ordinance that notifies and enforces.

Bob Smith made the motion to adjourn. Ken Kingshill seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45P.M.


Clerk-Treasurer


President